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Tax increase for forests won't be high, MPAC says

MATTHEW WALLS

Staff Reporter

Managed forest owners in Haliburton County will not pay dramatically higher taxes next year, says Larry Hummel, vice-president of property values at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Statistics released this week by MPAC show that property taxes for managed forests in the county increased by 20.39 per cent from \$33 million in 2001 to \$40 million in 2003. Province-wide managed forests assessment values increased 25 per cent.

This is "a sizable increase in percentage but in absolute value it is not that big," said Hummel.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey says that in Dysart, the

assessment on managed forest properties increased by \$4,76,000 or 13.06 per cent. This could translate into a total property tax increase among all forest owner of \$14,000 based on the 2003 tax rate.

But just because assessment has gone up by those percentages, property taxes may not increase by a similar amount.

"I'm anticipating that the tax rate will go down so they might not even get this increase," Fearrey says.

The median value for a managed forest without residences or waterfront property went from \$20,201 to \$32,000. Since managed forest owners pay 25 per cent of the assessed value, the owner of the \$32,000 property would pay \$70 in municipal

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Family Services debate goes in circles

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The question seems simple enough: Should Family Services of Haliburton County ask the county for \$50,000 a year to allow it to retain an employee who tries to make sure every child in the county has equitable access to recreational opportunities or should the request be made to the county's four municipalities?

But the issue became mired in

complications last week when county council first agreed to consider the question at its next meeting and later deferred having to set a date for debate.

Family Services' executive director Fay Martin had arrived with a dozen supporters at Wednesday's county council meeting determined to get a definitive answer. She had asked the question before but with frustrating results: when she asked municipalities some

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Ho, ho, Haliburton

Santa Claus was all smiles on Sunday when his sleigh touched down in Haliburton on Sunday afternoon for the annual parade. There were many wonderful floats to herald his arrival and please the crowds. More photos are on page 12 and 13.

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Orphaned bear has yet to find den

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here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

Kennisis Lake dump. Sheppard says research suggest that if a cub has reached 25 lbs and looks healthy it has a 50-50 chance of being able to den and survive winter on its own. She says if the cub does not look to be in good condition the MNR can relocate the animal to a rehabilitation centre.

Don't forget that you have until December 15 to donate your Canadian Tire "funny money" to the Haliburton branch of the Bank of Montreal. The staff collects the money to go on a shopping spree before donating all of the toys they buy to the 4Cs' annual toy drive. The bank will also accept unwrapped toys or

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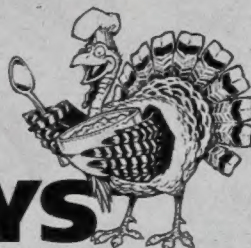
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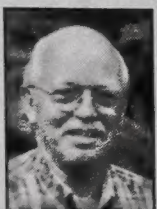
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Worth noting

In his 1994 autobiography, the late R.D. Lawrence talked about his life in the Highlands. "I am content, and if now and then the imp of travel whispers in my ear, I appease this demon by walking into the forest, aware, and rather surprised, that I have now lived here longer than I have lived in any other place. And, what is more, I like it. All in all, and even if it could be done, I would change neither my past nor my present."

County council gives itself a raise

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Saying that they were the second-lowest paid in the province, county councillors agreed to increase their annual salary to \$7,500.

The warden's salary will remain at \$15,000 but it was felt that the seven councillors should get half of that amount because of their increased workload and responsibility.

County councillors previously earned a base salary of \$4,800 for two days of meetings a month. Both councillors and the warden are also paid a per diem amount for other meetings and 35 cents a kilometre in travel compensation.

The total pay last year was \$68,000. Five counties of similar size average \$90,000 a year. Wednesday's decision adds \$18,900 to Haliburton County's costs.

"Is this retroactive," joked Sherborne et al Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed, who was defeated in the municipal election.

In the debate before the vote, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said that in the past he led the charge to keep the salaries low. However, since county council reduced its size from 18 members to eight through township amalgamations, the workload has increased three to four times "if you read your packages [compiled about the issues to be discussed] and spend the time to make informed decisions."

As well, if the salary continued to be so low, "Why would anyone in business or a younger person get involved? They could not afford to leave their occupation [to attend meetings.]"

Warden Ross Rigney agreed. "You can't get young people to run because it affects their incomes too much."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon and Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis are the only county councillor who aren't retired.

"If my wife wasn't my partner in business I couldn't afford to hire someone so I could be here all day and attend committee meetings," McMahon said. "We're not here for the money but we should be compensated for our time. Every six months there's something new."

Although remuneration was on the council agenda, at the beginning of the meeting Warden Ross Rigney moved it to the closed session because an individual (the warden) was to be identified.

However, when the item was reached on the agenda, Rigney said he had been wrong in his initial decision. The discussion was therefore held in the open council meeting.



DARREN LUM/Echo

In the spirit

Attendance for this year's Heritage Tour of Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfasts was significantly down compared to last year due to the large amounts of snow that fell over the weekend. Roads were left dangerous in areas. Pre-registered tourgoers were equal to last year.

The Whispering Pine Bed & Breakfast, above, was decorated from the ground up with decorative Christmas accents and had on display a variety of hand crafts as held by one tourgoer. At right, Sally Moore goes over a record of who worked at Sunnyrock before she turned it into a bed and breakfast. Tour hosts thank those who paid in advance.



Local Conservatives vote for merger

MATTHEW WALLS

Staff Reporter

The Progressive Conservatives' plan to merge with the Canadian Alliance will receive unanimous support from the Victoria-Haliburton-Brock riding at the nation-wide vote on December 6th.

Eight delegates - six adults and two youths - who support the merger were elected to represent the riding at the local PC association general meeting in Lindsay on Saturday.

Nine adult candidates stood for the vote, only one of whom opposed the merger. Thirty-four ballots were collected for the vote.

All six of the elected adult delegates were nominated by the riding's party executive. They are: Phyllis Bishop, Marlene Burns, Sandy Burton, Jamie Schmale, Wayne Teel and Al Burns.

The executive is required by its constitution to nominate six candidates, said Art Ward, past PC riding president.

The other three adults candidates had their names added to the ballot at the meeting.

At the meeting's beginning, all nine candidates introduced themselves and stated their position on the merger.

Karen Laws, the one candidate opposed to the merger, said she didn't feel the candidates were given enough time to discuss the merger. "I expected to have more of an opportunity to present our positions," she said.

Laws, a wildlife policy and program specialist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, moved to the riding in April from Peterborough.

She said she stood as a candidate because she felt it was necessary for all PCs to be represented, and she criticized the voting process for not announcing

how many votes each person received.

"To me that doesn't seem accountable."

Ward, however, said the party's constitution forbids it from announcing the voting totals, other than naming the winners.

The two youth delegates elected on Saturday had been previously nominated at the party's last executive meeting. Christine Burns and Jeff Todd will vote for the riding.

The riding will also be represented at the December 6th vote by three others who are automatic delegates: Jerry Walker, as riding president; Laurie Scott, as the candidate of record from the 2000 federal election; and Bob Pennock, a former M.P.

About 30 per cent of the voters next Saturday will be automatic delegates.

The December 6th vote will occur simultaneously in cities across Canada.

Some forest assessments go up only 8%

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property taxes.

Fearrey notes that residential rates increased at a higher rate of 17.3 per cent.

Hummel said the new managed forest assessments are "a reflection of what some people would pay for a vacant lot."

He added that managed forest properties both increased and decreased in value, depending upon the location.

In Dysart the property tax rate for managed forests without residences and with waterfront property decreased by four per cent.

The largest category, managed forests with seasonal residence and waterfront property, increased by eight

per cent. The tax rate for managed forests without residence or waterfront property, meanwhile, jumped 155%.

The Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program defines a managed forest as any forested lot over nine acres with a minimum number of trees per acre. The owner also has to make a forest sustainability plan. Managed forests can be completely forested or have residences within them.

For the past six months, the county's managed forest owners have protested MPAC's decision in March to tax managed forests for their 'possible value' rather than as farmland. Haliburton County's forest owners argued that their taxes would significantly increase and destroy the incentive for individuals to own managed forests.

In their new assessment method, MPAC assessed managed forests based on the sales of similar properties in the area, and on other factors when no similar properties existed.

Despite the protests from managed forest owners and the Ontario Forestry Association, the Tory government refused to reverse the tax assessment method. The new Liberal government has yet to decide if it will change the method.

In an effort to persuade the Liberal government, the county's owners have threatened to deny cross-country ski and snowmobile associations from using the trails on their managed forests.

Fearrey, who has lobbied the Ministry of Finance to help the county find a solution, was pleased with the new assessment statistics.

The increases "didn't go up 400% like some of the forest owners were saying," Fearrey said.

He added that now that the 2004 tax assessments are in, the Liberal government will have to decide if it will honour the former government's promise to tax managed forests as farmland.

"If they do," he said, "then that's a significant loss to municipalities' revenue and the province should compensate us."



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Sara Smillie's Grade 3 French Immersion class at Stuart Baker Elementary decided on their own they wanted to raise some money for the hospital. The group put on an in-class talent show and charged each other a dollar to come. They presented the \$23.49 to Dale Walker, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director, who was delighted with the zip lock bag full of pennies, silver coins and a rolled up wad of bills. Pictured here is the class with Smillie on the left and Walker on the right.

District's Grade 9 math scores higher than provincial average

Grade 9 math scores in the academic stream have proved to be the highest yet for the local school board since the new standardized testing was implemented across the province.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board students in the Grade 9 academic stream scored a whopping 10 per cent higher than the provincial average. The Education Quality and Accountability Office, EQAO, recently released the scores which show 66 per cent of students in Ontario are meeting the provincial standard while 78 per cent of TLDSB students met the standard.

The story is not quite as glowing when it comes to the applied level, although with 38 per cent of TLDSB students meeting the standard versus 22 per cent of provincial students, the local board is still scoring higher than the provincial average.

Dale Robinson, TLDSB superintendent of program and assessment, said in a press release that "We have

terrific Grade 9 math results. We have far exceeded the province in both academic and applied math."

Robinson is encouraged to see that the board's results are four per cent higher this year in the academic stream than last year.

However, despite scoring higher than the province in the applied stream the board did lose some ground from last year. Robinson conceded it is a problem that a low percentage of applied math students are able to achieve the provincial standard. So although he roundly congratulated staff, consultant Shelley Yearley and students for their hard work, Robinson also noted there is more to be done in the applied stream.

The board has hired new staff to work in the high schools with students who are at risk of not graduating. Assisting some of those students in being successful at the secondary level may raise some of those scores.

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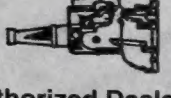
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Rash of sore throats doesn't mean flu is here

SHERYL LOUCKS & JERRY GROZELLE

Staff Reporters

This year's vicious influenza strain has yet to arrive in local hospitals but several viruses are making residents sick.

Lynn Johnston, Haliburton Highlands Health Services' director of acute and ambulatory care, says that the HHHS reports to public health officials each Monday morning about what they are seeing come through their hospital doors. To date there have been no cases of the influenza strain credited for the death of a child in Peterborough.

She says they are happy to see the number of influenza immunization shots are up this year, a good thing since the flu has arrived earlier than usual. She encourages anyone who has not had their flu shot to protect themselves and their community by getting immunized. The hospitals will continue to administer the shots now that the November campaign has been completed. She did warn that the shot takes two weeks to take effect so that the earlier people can get it done the better.

Several families in the area have already been affected by a virus causing sore throats. School principals are not reporting any large number of children missing school, and the virus has not reached epidemic proportions.

Principals are advising parents to keep children home if they exhibit signs of illness.

They want to make sure the children are rested and medicated if necessary so they get better as quickly as possible so they can get back to school.

Dr. Jaan Roos of the Minden Medical Clinic said he has seen an average of one strep throat patient a week for the past few weeks as well as several people with viral infections. "That's not particularly unusual for this time of year," he said.

Doctors in both Minden and Haliburton have been dealing with cases of viral pharyngitis and strep throat, both of which have sore throat symptoms. Johnston explained that viral pharyngitis is caused by a virus while strep throat is a bacterial infection.

The sore throat infections that have been keeping some children out of school over the past week or more is not influenza related, Dr. Alex Hukowich of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit says. "We have had no reports of flu from Haliburton County yet," he confirmed, adding the caution, "It's only a matter of time."

Dr. Hukowich said frequent washing of hands is a good preventative measure to curb the spread of bacteria such as that which causes strep throat. "There is no down side to washing," he said.

Strep throat is easily treatable with antibiotics, he noted, but viral infections must run their course. Drinking plenty of fluids will help the process. He recommends seeing your physician if you have a sore throat. "Strep needs to be treated,"

he said.

With regard to the impending invasion of the flu from other areas, Dr. Hukowich said, "Make sure you get immunized. It's the best preventative medicine."

Dr. Bob Heyes, HHHS Chief of Staff, said there have been no increases in numbers of cases of strep throat. "We have no extraordinary numbers that I've heard of," he said. Sore throats are common year round. Strep throat, a bacterial illness, is more serious than viral types. Strep can be treated with antibacterial medication, while antibiotics have no effect on viral infections.

"It is a fever that gives away the fact that it is contagious," Dr. Heyes said. He added that 80 per cent of sore throats are caused by viruses.

To his knowledge, there have been no increases in the incidences of strep over what would be normally expected.

Dr. Heyes strongly recommends the flu vaccine to prevent a serious outbreak of influenza. He points out that the vaccine is very effective as a precautionary preventative measure. "It's a no-brainer as far as I'm concerned," he said. "You are significantly better off if you do. If we can immunize most of the public, it will help us all."

He explained that flu shots build up an immunity that transcends the individual, noting that if enough people get immunized, flu related illnesses won't circulate

Symptoms and self-care of sore throat

The following information was gleaned from the website page: <http://www.familydoctor.org/handouts/670.html>.

There is no specific treatment for viral pharyngitis. Self-care measures include gargling with warm salt water (one half-teaspoon of salt in a glass of warm water) several times a day, and taking anti-inflammatory drugs or medications such as acetaminophen, that control fever. Excessive use of anti-inflammatory lozenges or sprays may actually make sore throat worse.

It is important to avoid using antibiotics when a sore throat is due to a viral infection, as the antibiotics will not help, and such use of antibiotics contributes to antibiotic resistance in bacteria.

In some cases of sore throat (e.g., in infectious mononucleosis), the lymph nodes (glands) in the neck may become extremely swollen, and anti-inflammatory drugs such as prednisone may be needed to ease breathing and swallowing.

What is strep throat? What are its signs?

Strep throat is an infection caused by bacteria. It is called "strep" because the bacteria that causes the infection is called streptococcus.

Adults with strep throat may have a sore throat, a fever and swollen neck glands. They usually don't have a cough or a runny nose.

Children with strep throat have a sore throat and may have tummy pain or a red rash with small spots. The rash is worse under the arms and in skin creases.

How is strep throat treated?

Your doctor may give you or your child an antibiotic. Antibiotics kill bacteria, which helps strep throat go away a little faster. It can also prevent a few rare but serious conditions that people with strep throat might get. It is important to take all of the medicine your doctor gives you.

Lions share:

Haliburton Lions Club President Brad Tait presents a \$1,000 cheque to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Executive Director Dale Walker at the club's first November meeting held at the Masonic Lodge on Thursday, Nov. 13. There were also 13 other club members present for the donation raised through various fundraising activities such as bake sales, dances, the annual boat race, annual toll bridge and the Merry Mix. This brings the Lions total contribution to a little more than \$58,000 over a 15 year period. The club invites anyone interested in joining the club to their next meeting in the lower level of the Masonic Hall on December 4 at 6:30 p.m..

DARREN LUM/ECHO



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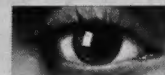
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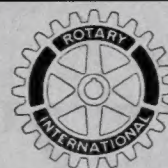


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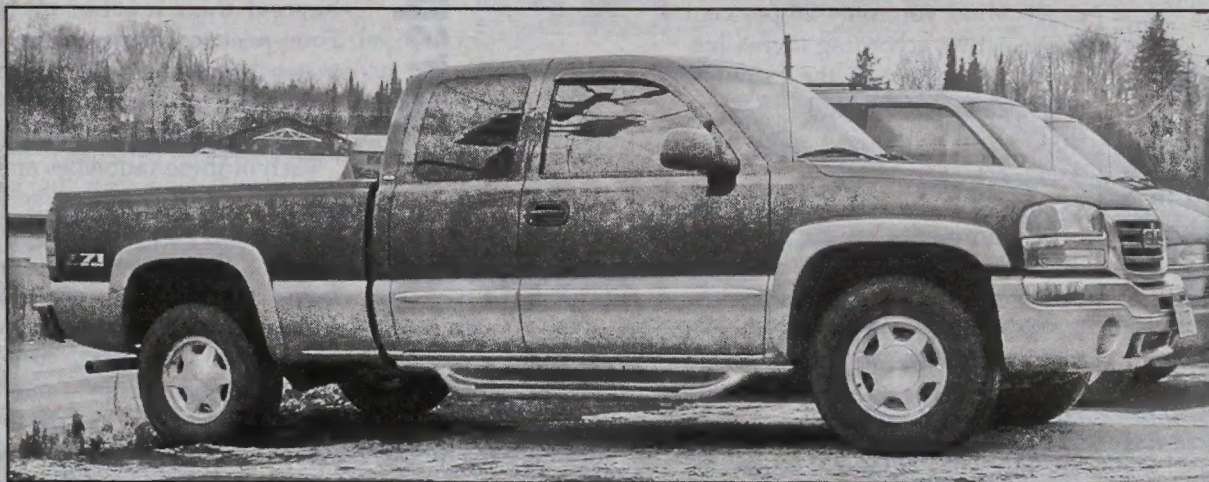
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Right. And right

Although this week's story about Family Services' visit to county council last Wednesday accurately chronicles the debate about which level of government should be asked to help fund the local children's agency's recreation programs, it is perhaps a little unfair to county councillors. They do not come off in a good light and it's not necessarily their fault. Writing about what happened is like trying to write about a debate between a man and a woman. They think they are talking about the same subject but they have such different ways of approaching the issue that, really, they're talking about two different things.

Family Services' executive director Fay Martin wanted a straightforward answer to what she thought was a simple question — on what day would county council agree to discuss the following question: Should she approach county council for the \$50,000 she needs to continue hiring a staff person who tries to

make sure all children have equal access to recreational opportunities or should she approach municipal councils? She wanted to know the answer before she expended a considerable amount of time outlining why these programs are important to the wrong level of government. She also wanted to know well in advance of budget deliberations so that the money, if it is to be forthcoming, will be available next year. To her everlasting credit she refused to leave until they gave her an answer.

It's not just because most county councillors are male that they thought they were deliberating on an entirely different issue. In short, county councillors didn't want to make a commitment about when they'd talk about her request until they had a fairly good idea of what their response would be. And they had no idea of how they'd respond. Don't forget that county councillors are also municipal councillors; they knew that if they turned down the request at the county they'd have to face the same request at the municipal level, and by that time there'd be no one else to whom to pass the buck.

To be fair to the politicians, Martin's request is more complicated than it first appears. In its strategic plan process, the county has said it will not be responsible for recreation; that's a municipal service. It is, however, responsible for social services, and many of Family Services' programs fall into that category. You could even say that Family Services' quest to provide all children in the county equitable access to recreation is an extension of their social service mandate.

If Martin had been asking local governments to fund specific recreational opportunities or even to make a direct subsidy to children who can't afford to partake of opportunities already available, the debate would be more straightforward. But what stuck in the politicians' craw was being asked to pay for a person's job; an existing job that was about to lose its principal source of funding. (A grant from Clarica.) Imagine if Haliburton Highlands Health Services were to come to the county and say, "Our diabetes education program has been really successful in reducing the impact of this terrible disease but the province is about to pull the plug on funding. Could you please fund the person who runs the program for us?"

Precedent setting? When would the lists of needs stop?

If you've made it through the maze this far, you know that the path ahead will still go in circles. So let's stop now. Representatives from Family Services and county council need to get together to see if there's a way to address the concerns of both parties. You know why? Because both sides are right. Family Services is right to be so passionate about ensuring that financially disadvantaged kids don't have to suffer even more by missing out on the social and health benefits of recreation. County politicians are right to be wary of funding an outside agency's employee, no matter how good the cause. Neither should be persuaded to think otherwise.



Winter's first impression

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Reaping what we sowed

I am angry, I am ashamed, I feel guilty and I am frustrated because I do not know what I could have done differently. As a member of my society could I have helped to prevent the world we are introducing to many of our young teenagers today? How did we get here? What did we do wrong or what did we not do to bring our youth to this, their reality?

We hear about kids who experiment with sex at an unexpectedly early age. They are just abstract statistics. Certainly not typical, we assume. The interview I watched recently on our Canadian national TV channel forced me to take off my blinders. It was a scholarly discussion of how to approach the fact that the young are engaging in various sexual activities at an ever-earlier age. Twelve to be exact. Mind you, only 20 per cent are so active, according to this survey by educators in the Province of Prince Edward Island. They are just your average, anywhere teenagers



marion hare

perspectives

It was not the statistic of 20 per cent, but the blasé comments by the youngsters, (ages not stated) — pleasant looking, well-spoken teenagers who were also interviewed that shook me to my foundations. Some of the comments (not exactly verbatim for I could not write fast enough.) are as follows. One: "Well usually at parties when couples want to have sex they go off to other rooms, but sometimes we get one couple to do it on the floor and we all stand around and watch." Another: "Oh, sometimes going to or from school a couple will go off in a field or we just walk around them." Another: "Girls even get humped against a dumpster." Another: "Lots of us just do oral sex." Another: "It's really not a big deal. Nowadays it doesn't mean anything more than a kiss."

We, the previous generations who have created their world, can no longer slough it off by noting that it's only a small percentage who are so engaged and using the excuse that probably

they did not have proper parental guidance at home. No, we have created an environment over the past 40 years — after a century or so of untenable restrictions concerning sexual relationships — that has become first, far more lenient for adults, then gradually more permissive towards the ever younger.

Over the decades we adults in our society have had various rationales. One, we are showing our trust in their maturity by allowing them more freedoms. Two, we are preparing them for adulthood by gradually introducing them to ever earlier dating. Three, they are so exposed to sexual innuendoes and actualities through the media that our best defense is to teach them all we can, and ask them to make decisions which, in truth, are far beyond their level of maturity. Four, peer group pressure so dominates that the best we can do is to give them rational guidance for emotionally-charged situations.

Each of these rationales and others have some degree of common sense to them. Collectively we adults, all of us together, have shaped a society that we are presenting to our young where sexual relations are no more significant than kissing. It is not modern, progressive thinking as we like to tell ourselves. It's back to the middle ages, a time of mass illiteracy, of primitive living standards for the masses. The ancient folk-song rounds that are popular today were, in fact, dancing games equivalent to our grandparents' game of "spin-the-bottle," but with one difference. The prize was not a kiss outside the circle for the winners but sex within the circle or on the green.

It's not the 20 per cent that is so disturbing, it's the attitudes that prevail because somehow we, the previous couple of generations, each of us actively or passively, contributed to this jaded reality of our young concerning sex. What an inheritance!

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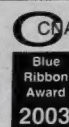
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Leaving your mark

The snow was down - pristine, white, and clean as a newly pressed hospital sheet. I looked at it, and then at my son, and smiled. And, as he wiggled around and shook from side to side, I knew he was finally ready.

"Ryan," I began solemnly, "look out there. Survey the vast, endless landscape of whiteness. That is now your domain."

"You mean the fields, dad," he asked, jumping up and down and squirming from side to side.

"Aye, boy! The fields, the woodlands, the side hills, the beaver meadows, the snow banks and even the lonely trees each plastered on the windward side with a glorious rime of fresh, virgin snow - this is now your endless canvas."

A tear welled up in the corner of my eye and immediately froze. I recalled Dad giving me this same lecture.

Ryan wriggled and squirmed some more and began undoing several layers of winter clothing with clumsy woollen fingers.

"I've really got to go, Dad," he suggested desperately as he removed a low hanging scarf and wrapped it around an overhanging limb.

"And go you shall son," I said, "but go wisely, for from now until winter departs, you are not just voiding your bladder. No, you are

leaving a mark so that every passing animal and person who examines your handiwork will pass judgment on you. Remember, penmanship counts."

By this time Ryan had removed his mitts and unzipped his coat. He was having a bit of trouble with the snow pant zippers. So much so that he was lying on his back trying to wiggle out of them. I marvelled at the exuberance of youth.

"What separates us from the beasts of the forest?," I asked rhetorically to the treetops and chickadees. My son, meanwhile, looked at me blankly.

"Why, our signature of course," I replied. "Sign that snow with pride boy, for it now is a blank page. But when you are done it will proclaim to the world Ryan Galea was here. Make it legible and tell your story with pride!"

Suddenly, the boy's zipper gave way and he snowboarded headlong into a nearby stand of spruce trees. Though my heart longed to follow him, I knew that this was something each man had to do alone.

A minute later he emerged victorious, less jittery and, considering the snowboard, miraculously dry.

"How did it go," I asked anxiously.

"Great," he said, "but I almost ran out. Tried to get my middle name in there. Is that all right?"

"Next time, I'm thinking of adding my e-mail address," I confided.

Ryan's eyes opened wide at the exciting possibilities.

"Son, I'm glad you succeeded. Are there any questions?"

"I'm guessing that this is another one of those important things that we can do and women can't, huh?," he beamed proudly.

"Well," I chuckled, "they say they can, but between you and me, all that falls apart when they try to cross their Tees."

My son's chest puffed out and, together, we basked quietly in this last great bastion of manliness. But deep in my heart I also knew that, even as we spoke, some pioneering woman - probably in Finland or some other sub-Arctic country - was perfecting her outdoors calligraphy. I realized that it would be a very different world for my grandchildren.

We walked down the lane and, if not for the snow and the lack of fishing gear, it might have been a scene from the old Andy Griffith Show. Still, as we strolled, I cautioned Ryan about the vagaries of the wind direction and of the dangers of getting too close to metal or electric fences.

I likewise added that although passing female motorists will, on occasion, drive by and honk, waving back will only cause heartache, especially given the potential for shrinkage. Finally, to complete his education, I then divulged the age-old rule about not eating beets after the first snow flies.

"Why, Dad?," he asked solemnly.

"It confuses the issue, especially on the hockey rink when the referee has to make a critical call involving the red line," I answered.

So it went, that timeless scene of father and son walking quietly through a winter wonderland. The baton of wisdom was being passed from one generation to the next.

When we stepped inside the house, the women-folk were there to greet us and in the distance our toilet flushed. Ryan just looked at me and smiled knowingly.

"This gives us the power to roam far and wide, doesn't it?," he quipped.

"It's why women have never led an Arctic expedition," I whispered.

When Ryan left, Carol approached.

"What did you guys do out there?"

"Jus' talked," I replied.

"You didn't give him more stupid advice did you?"

"Without my advice, how else is he going to leave his mark on the world?" I answered while squirming. "Now help me with this darn zipper."

tales from



steve
galea

vinegar hill



pic of the past

Tom Hodgson shares with us this photo of Teachers Three: Kell Anderson, Jean Dart and Ethel Curry. Kell Anderson's (Clara Watt) father managed Sir Sam Hughes' Eagle Lake property and this is where she and her two sisters grew up. Kell achieved such high marks on the Grade 8 entrance exams that Inspector Pentland guided her to Teacher's College. She first taught in Bobcaygeon and after 1945 taught students with learning disabilities in a school on the Fair Grounds at Haliburton. She ended her career at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as a math teacher.

Jean Dart (Burns) came to teach at the Moon School on Kashaga Drive in the early 1930s. She boarded with John and Clara Moon where she met their nephew, Russell Dart. Their marriage ended her teaching career.

Ethel Curry's story is well documented. After Peterborough Normal School, Ethel taught at Haliburton's Presbyterian Church while the Victoria Street Public School was being built. But her talent and love of art led her to the Ontario College of Art. After graduation Ethel taught art at Toronto's Northern Secondary School. She retired in 1967 and returned to Haliburton.

letters to the editor

Multi-use appropriate, achievable

To the Editor:

Reply To Donald Smith letter- Mixed use of rail trail won't work.

Mr. Smith suggests a growing economic impact on the local economy from hikers, bicyclists and other non-power sports and activities. A noble and commendable thought but the reality suggests otherwise - the majority of Canadians would sooner line up at the drive-through window than lace up a pair of hiking boots. ATV use is physically demanding and a great form of alternate exercise for those who do not wish to participate in non-powered sports. To suggest the Rail Trail be restricted to a minority user group would result in the elimination of the majority user group who have been using it for years - how could that be fair to the local economy and the rights and freedoms of the majority? A properly managed Rail Trail will provide the opportunity for enforcement. The cooperation between all user groups and stakeholders will improve. Multi-use is appropriate and achievable.

One only needs to study the existing economic

data on the impact of snowmobiling in Haliburton County to see what the ATV sport is capable of achieving. I think it is safe to assume that hundreds of hikers, bicyclists and other non-powered user groups might use the Rail Trail each year. Contrast that with the thousands of ATV and Enduro riders who already use it and it should be clear to all the largest economic benefit to Haliburton County will continue to come from the power sport group.

Mr. Smith relates a comment made to him by an ATV industry person he met on the Rail Trail this past August. I was there that day and that industry person was my guest. At the time of this encounter my guest was not familiar with many multi-use trail initiatives already in existence, both in the US and here in Ontario (Ganaraska Forest). Later that day we brought him up to speed on the Rail Trail multi-use concept and pointed out similar trails in his own state, which he was unaware of, at which time he saw the potential.

I would remind Mr. Smith that it was my group of 12 Enduro bikes and ATVs that came

See Incident page 10

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Social, economic status not a factor in ATV use

To the Editor:

RE: Hugh Taylor's letter, November 25.

Tourism opportunities will be lost with motorized use of Rail Trail?

Motorized users generate a huge portion of county tourism dollars particularly in swing and low seasons. Do you want the local businesses to starve for heaven's sake!

His comments on designing dozens of custom homes for people moving to the Highlands is disconnected and bizarre. First of all, many of the builders and trades that construct homes are motorized trail users. His statement that custom home owners "virtually without exception, are interested in hiking and cycling" only is misguided and incorrect. People who live in custom homes can and do ATV too! It appeals to all walks of life, age groups and social strata.

Don't insult those who may live in a custom home and infer that financial status has something to do with the provision to certain uses on a trail. For the record the largest house in the county (a custom home!) has a number of ATVs and the smallest custom bunkie I know of has several ATVs too.

Public trails are for public use and should not be qualified by social status. Multi-use trails are working everywhere throughout the non-urban areas of Ontario and notably Quebec.

If Mr. Taylor really wants to help tourism in Haliburton County it would be nice to see him volunteer some time with Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, Trails & Tours, the Haliburton ATV Association or the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

Mark Coles
Minden

Consultants' study says Rail Trail should be used for many different activities

To the Editor:

Tourism industry: Do we need it?

I may be wrong, but I think tourism is a major industry in Haliburton County. And I may also be wrong in thinking that automobile assembly is a major industry in Oshawa.

When General Motors is hit with an extended lay-off, other industries around Oshawa become affected, which inevitably leads to lay-offs in other businesses, such as parts manufacturers, grocery stores, real estate, banks, restaurants, hardware stores, etc.

On the other hand, if General Motors introduces a new automobile and the Oshawa plant is lucky enough to be awarded the assembly contract, it could be expected that the plant might expand its facilities and hire additional employees. Accordingly, the prosperity of the whole city of Oshawa is elevated by the resulting economic spin-off.

Tourism and logging which are Haliburton's largest two industries, are both seasonal. Of course that means that employment opportunities in the County are largely seasonal as well. In the short term, our young people are the biggest losers in a seasonal economy. How many of our high school graduates go off to college or university and ever return to work in this County where they grew up and where the rest of their family resides? When a County's young people have to emigrate to pursue careers, where does that leave us in the long term?

The recreation of ATVing is primarily a spring and fall activity, our traditional "down-time," and as such, is the perfect

answer to boosting our economy when it most needs it. Other tourism-based economies have been benefitting from the rapid growth of this tourism product for several years. And most people involved in the sport recognize that the economic impact on a region that develops a responsibly-managed ATV trail system, will eventually surpass that of snowmobiling.

I'd be interested in knowing how many of the folks who oppose ATV touring in Haliburton, are raising kids in the County, and really have any stake in the future of the County's economy.

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network has paid a substantial amount of money to Stantec Consulting to make recommendations on how to develop the rail trail as the County's "signature" trail. This group of professionals meticulously analysed all the input from the County's stakeholders, as well as drawing on the company's wealth of experience in developing similar multi-use trail systems in other parts of the Canada. Their comprehensive recommendations to this County included, among other things, that the Kinmount to Haliburton rail trail be multi-use including ATVs. When are we going to stop debating over the validity of these recommendations and get on with some actual trail building?

If General Motors operated on the same principles as Haliburton, we'd all be walking or driving Japanese cars, and Oshawa would be the unemployment capital of Ontario.

Ken McPhail
Haliburton
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Incident shows multi-use works

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upon his group just after one of the bicyclists had suffered a medical emergency. My ATV group stopped and immediately offered assistance, including emergency first aid, water and a cell phone. Our group then transported one of Mr. Smith's friends back to their car park, complete with bicycle, so they could drive back down the Rail Trail and pick up the downed rider by car. An hour later we were underway to our final destination, the Martinwood resort.

I would assume that Mr. Smith doesn't consider this group of ATV and Enduro

riders to be one of the "bad apples" he talks about. I thought we all had a pleasant exchange that day and that our mutual conduct exemplified peaceful co-existence in a multi-use scenario. By the way, the riders in our group spent approximately \$200 each in Haliburton County on this two-day trip.

Steve Brand
Member HATVA and HCSA

PS - I agree with Mr. Smith's suggestion of distance markers along the rail trail.

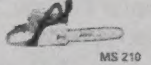


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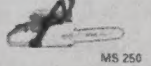
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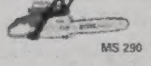
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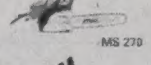
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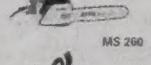
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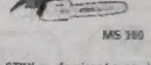
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ATV enthusiast claims letter writers expressed 'absurd responses' to study

To the Editor:

As one of the most important sounding boards for public opinion in Haliburton County I would ask the newspaper to be very careful about the perceived posture you as the media maintain over the Haliburton Rail Trail and its future uses. I was concerned last week to read in the *Echo* what amounted to absurd responses to the Stantec Report recommendations on ATV use on the Rail Trail.

The letters published against ATV use on the rail trail were loaded with gross inaccuracies. So absurd were the inaccuracies I can confidently say these letters contained numerous lies. While everyone is entitled to their opinion in a democracy, it would behoove the *Echo* to be selective about the content of such grossly inaccurate letters for publication.

I am proud to say the pro-ATV forces here in Haliburton have behaved in an admirable fashion with their actions and

attitudes. The HATV has been extremely pro-active in taking stewardship leadership with the Rail Trail and all of their letters published by both *The Times* and *The Echo* have contained accurate, verifiable and highly factual information. The business community here in the County has checked in with overwhelming support for the Stantec Report and its recommendations.

It may be time for some levelling of the sounding board on your behalf. The facts are all in. The Stantec Report solicited input from every area of the County affected by the Rail Trail's current and future use. This included the groups who are obviously dissatisfied with the results and recommendations of the report. These dissenters' ludicrous responses to the report's recommendations have included blatant disregard for the democratic process we all subjected ourselves to. Their whining and scheming has gone further than any reasonable person should accept. The dissemination

of outright lies and a callous and immature disregard for facts and statistical information if not so overt would be laughable.

Some refereeing of the playing field is overdue. I am counting on *The Echo* to walk a straight line on this issue and carefully sort out truth from fiction for the benefit of your readers.

Mark Lester
Publisher, All-Terrain Vehicle
Magazine
South Lake resident

Publisher's Note: *The Letters to The Editor* columns are a forum where readers can express their opinions on issues of importance to them. We do not withhold letters because they express controversial views, nor is it our role to decide whose 'facts' are correct. We think debate, conducted civilly, is an important aspect of community building.

Learn to live together

To the Editor:

I cannot believe that the issue of the Haliburton Rail Trail remaining as a multi-use trail is still an issue. I know many people have voiced opinions and made presentations and recommendations were eventually put forward to keep the trail open to ATVs. Does democracy mean nothing to the local zealots?

I live in Bobcaygeon and frequently use the trail with my ATV and sled and yes I spend money in town for supplies and food. Not only do I deposit money frequently into the local economy but so do all my guests who come with me.

Anecdotally, I do not see much use from hikers and bikers on this trail near Haliburton although there is near Fenelon Falls because the line travels along Cameron Lake and is quite picturesque. I mention this because I have not seen nor heard of troubles between different sorts of users at that end.

Please, folks, learn to live together harmoniously and stop fighting over a strip of land where TRAINS once travelled!

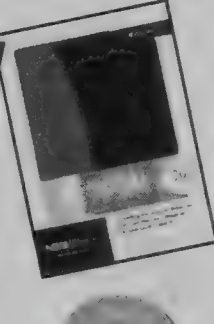
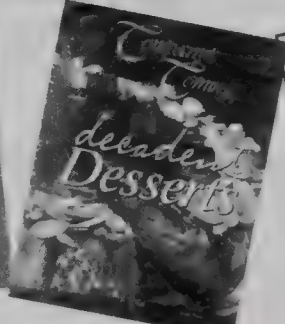
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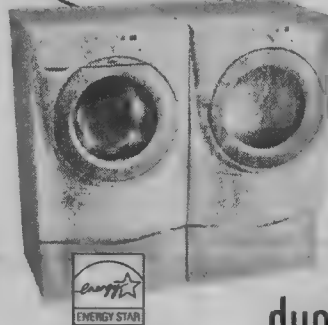
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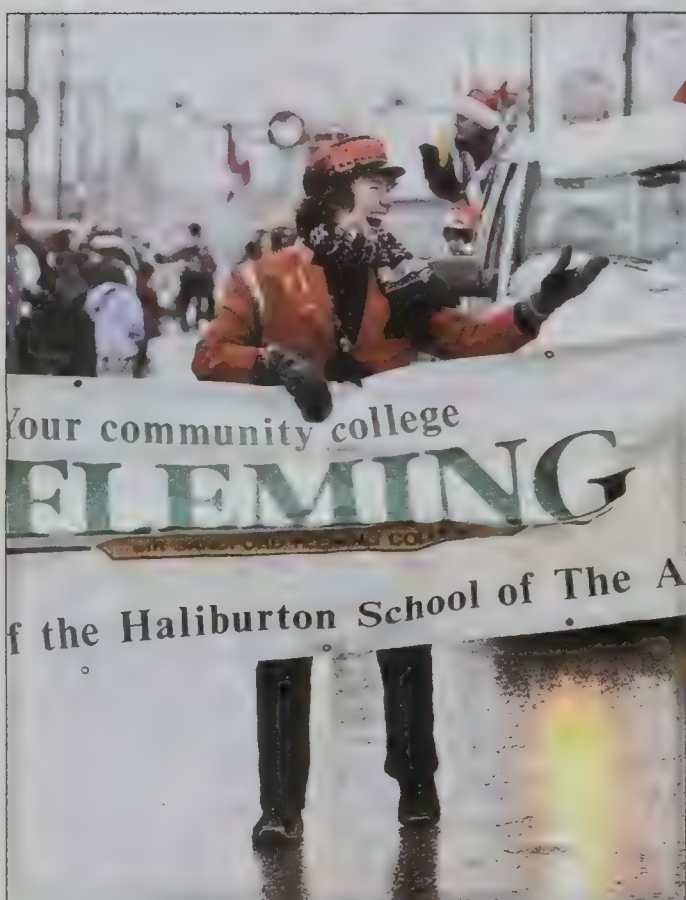
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While our fellow Americans hunker down for some Thanksgiving turkey and an afternoon of football games we devoted Canadian hockey parents load up our vehicles with young'ns and riggin heading to rinks all over Canada. Like Don [Cherry] says, 'You can't beat a Canadian hockey parent. The Haliburton Tim-br Mart, Branch 129 Storm Novice Team is one of the many on the trail.

Over half way through their season the little lads have put up some great numbers. In Victoria-Durham League play their record is 13 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties. They have buried the puck 123 times while the mighty mongoose has shut the door allowing 29 goals in 16 games for a g.a.a of 1.81 (hall of fame numbers).

In a cross over exhibition series with the Muskoka Parry Sound League the boys are 3-1-1, scoring 30 goals while allowing 20 against. In their home tourney the Storm invited some awesome competition. The Bracebridge Bears in the opening game traded shot for shot with the Storm but it was Mikey the 'Mongoose' who made the difference putting on a clinic as he nailed the shut out in the Storm's 5-0 win. Mikey credits his defenseman for clearing the front of the net so he could get a bead on the Bears shots. Game 2 pitted the Storm against the Lindsay Muskies. This was a battle for possession with hard nosed hockey from both teams.

At the end of regulation she was all knotted up at 2. Before the 3 on 3 sudden victory over time the coaches gathered the troops for some instructions while the parents in the stands feasted on their finger nails. From pin drop silence to an explosion of cheering the building went electric as they dropped the puck. When the buzzer went for the overtime period it was still tied. Holy mackinaw its a shoot out. Three shooters from each team would take penalty shots simultaneously. The best 2 out of 3 wins. The first two shooters took off from centre on the ref's whistle, Nicky Hunter roofed

See **MONGOOSE** page 16

Hawks poised for home opener

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 59
NHSS 39

HHSS 52
FFSS 36

Led by the scoring of Brad Mickle, who finished with 26 points in the first game and 22 in the second, the Red Hawks were clearly the cream of the crop at the Red Hawks Tip Off Classic tournament on the weekend.

He also earned 11 rebounds.

The HHSS senior basketball team convincingly won their first two games against North Hastings Secondary School (NHSS) and the Fenelon Falls Falcons, winning 59-39 and 52-36.

Due to the snow storm the remaining games scheduled for Saturday were cancelled. It is unlikely any of them will be played in the future.

"What we had on Friday was what we had. We got slam-dunked by mother nature," head coach Paul Longo, said.

In the team's first game Longo saw a few areas the team can improve on.

Despite beating NHSS them by 20 points in the first game Longo felt his team needs to improve their defensive coverage.

"The biggest thing is fighting through our screens ... I felt we needed to have done a better job fighting through our picks and staying with our guy instead of switching. We were losing guys with our switches," Longo said.

However he did notice a marked improvement when the team faced off against rival Fenelon Falls.

This year's team is not going to dominate with size, but it is built upon speed and their agility, he added.

"I want to use our speed for lot of fast-breaking, a quick transition game where we move the ball up quickly and catch them off guard not allowing them to set up defensively. Use the fast break as much as we can," Longo adds.

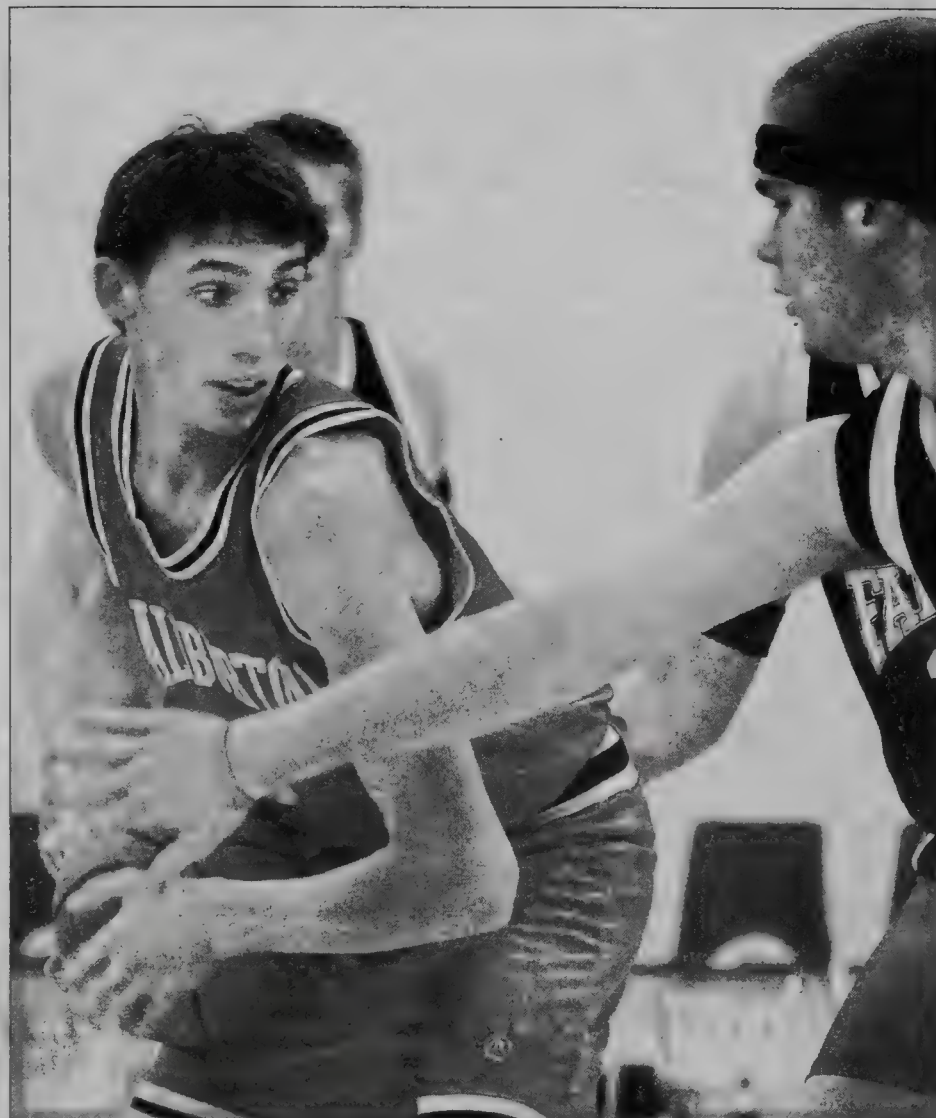
"I don't think we've ever really given LCVI and I.E. Weldon a run for their money. That's what we're hoping to do this year. Try and compete with some of the AAA schools," he said.

This year's starting five are lead by captains Conrad Flatman, also known as the "General", Brad Mickle, and Shane Baumhour. Included in the five are Daryl Arbour and Ross Gerry

From the back to the front court, this team is strong at each position, but none



HHSS Junior Red Hawks basketball team splits tournament. Saturday tournament games cancelled due to snow storm. See more photos and brief information on two games on page 15.



DARREN LUM/Echo

HHSS forward Brad Mickle shields the ball from a Falcons defender in the second half against Fenelon Falls. The Red Hawks were hosts for the annual Tip Off Classic tournament.

more so than at point guard and centre.

Flatman runs the plays and his explosive game and natural ability at the position will be a threat for any opposing team.

"Conrad is really fast. He is a true point guard. He runs the floor well. We call him the General because he runs the show. In both games he had a double-double (double digits in scoring and assists)...We'll look for double-doubles from him in every game," Longo said.

Mickle was a standout in the two games, scoring 26 and 22 points respectively.

"He can dominate this year. He had two twenty-plus games and pulled down a ton of boards...we'll go as he goes."

Ideally he would like a centre to be taller than 6'5", however, with Mickle he doesn't feel he's missing anything since

his ability to compensate for his lack of size.

"Brad's doing well. He's so crafty. I don't know how he does it, but he gets over guys so easily," he said.

The team will kick off their season with a home opener on Wednesday against St. Thomas Aquinas, following the HHSS junior basketball game at 3:30 p.m., Dec. 3.

Second game notables: Forward Ross Gerry was active all over the floor with eight rebounds and three steals in the first game while point guard Conrad Flatman ran the floor and added a threat on the outside, draining two three pointers to give him 12 points in the second game, second only to Mickle. Gerry continued his great work in the second game, hauling in 12 rebounds.

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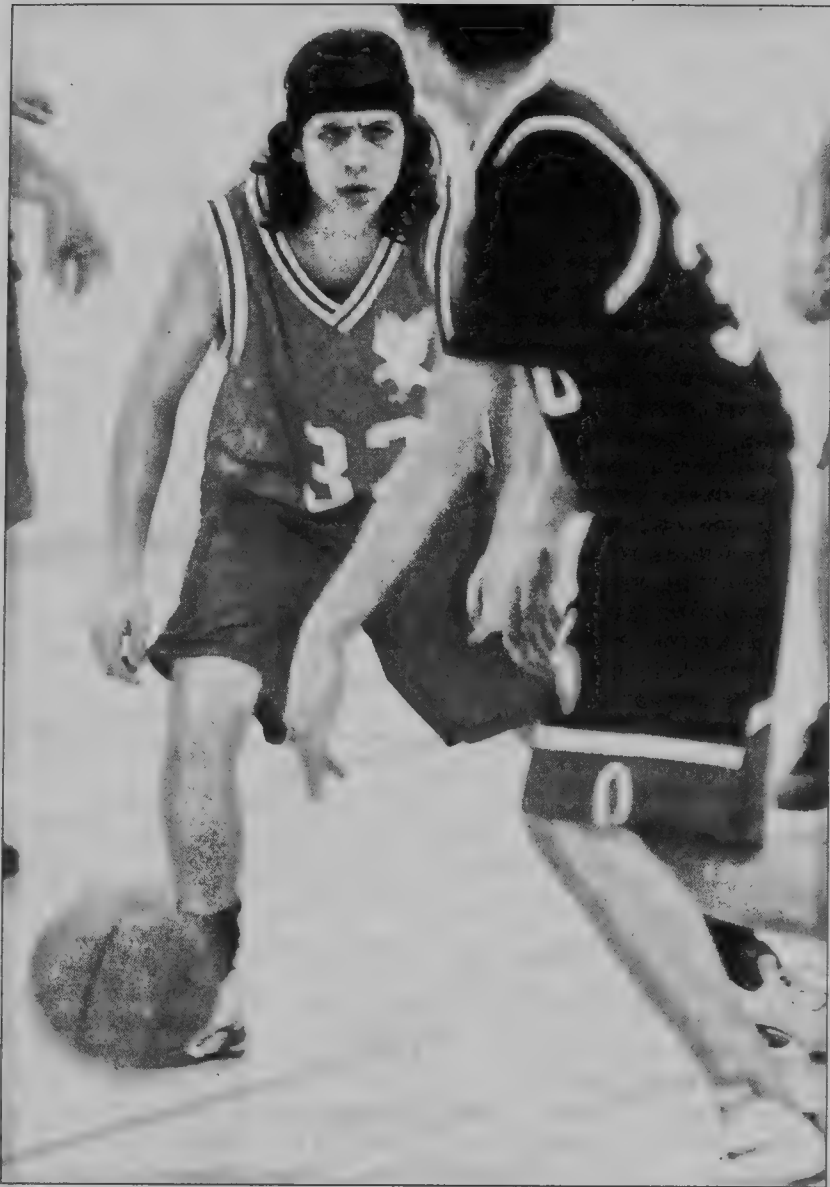


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Red Hawks blocked from win



HHSS 37
NHSS 26

Spurred on by the home town crowd the Red Hawks won their first game of the year in the pre-season Red Hawks Tip Off Classic tournament.

HHSS 28
FFSS 33

The HHSS junior boys basketball team came up short at home in the second tournament game, losing by only five points after erasing an eight point deficit at the half way mark. Fenelon Falls Falcons were able to hold on in the final minute of regulation. The Falcons killed the rest of the game off with their passing and closed out the game when they were fouled by shooting two-of-two free throws, closing out the game 33-28.

Left: An HHSS player stands between his opponent and the bucket, watching his eyes to block any passing attempts.

Right: In the dying seconds an HHSS forward is blocked from getting his shot off to narrow the gap to two points.

Photos by Darren Lum.



Red Hawks wrestling grappling with continued success

HHSS WRESTLING

Special to the Echo

The Red Hawk Wrestling Team travelled to Brighton to compete at the first tournament of the season on Friday, Nov. 28. More than 330 wrestlers competed at the tournament hosted by East Northumberland Secondary School. There were 40 HHSS wrestlers who left the high school at 6:15 am to compete. "The dedication and enthusiasm of these athletes is amazing. They are a pleasure to coach," Red Hawks wrestling Head Coach Paul Klose said. "13 of our

wrestlers placed in the top 4 of their weight category." This was the first competition for many of the wrestlers. "We are very pleased with the performance of the team," he added. Wrestlers are training for the next tournament held at Kenner Collegiate and Vocational Institute in Peterborough on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

ENSS tournament results:

Gold Medalists - Max Ambridge, Kyle Austin, Melanie

Howitt, Scott Lewis, Josh Mayhew, Jake Ruddy.

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Grade 5 students can pick up SnowPass applications from their teachers or online at www.snowpass.org, and in Ski Press magazine, which is distributed free of charge at sports stores and ski resorts everywhere.

Mongoose shuts out Lindsay for berth in final

from page 14

one for the Storm while Mikey poked checked the Lindsay player. Next up Jordan Howe, with his silky smooth hands deked the Lindsay goalie out of his 'coopers'. At the other end Mikey stacked the pads, stoning Lindsay for the victory.

In the "A" championship final versus the Barrie Flyers the Storm gave a gutsy performance but ran out of gas late in the 3rd falling to the Flyers 5-2. The Storm team would like to thank their sponsors, parents, grandparents and all the visiting teams for making their tournament an exciting fun filled day of hockey to remember. Mike Kunkel, Zach Boice, Ben Hicks, Nicky Hunter, Mike Nelson, Tanner Ballantyne, Jake Harrison, Jordan Howe, Stewart Chaulk, Donovan MacInnes, Taylor Rowbotham, Tanner Hamilton and Kris Calvert would like to thank their coaches Dean Chaulk, Jeff Howe and Barry Boice for guiding them down the right road. On a sour note, I heard through the grape vine that in 2004/2005 the C.H.A plans to eliminate 8 year old travel hockey forcing the youngsters to practice in House Leagues honing their skills to improve Canadian Hockey at the upper levels.

Someone should send these brain waves a video tape of the last Olympics (men and womens) then tell us what is wrong with our game? They have already messed up the Midget and Novice levels with their recent age change. All work and no fun makes Johnny want to go out and buy a snowboard. Quit messing with our game, if it's not broke don't fix it!!!

Curling champs:

(l-r) Haliburton's team comprising Vice-Skip, Larry Holden, Second, John Smillie, Lead, Case Bassie, and Skip, Terry Roche. This team earned the right to represent the zone—south to Lindsay, north to Haliburton, West to Peterborough and East to Bancroft—at the Provincial Regional play-downs in Oakville during the weekend on Nov. 29-30. The Haliburton Curling Club hosted the Senior Men's and Senior Ladies Curling Championships on Nov. 22-23. There were 40 curlers who participated in the bonspiel. Teams came from Lindsay, Lakefield, Peterborough, Ennismore and surrounding areas participated in the competition.



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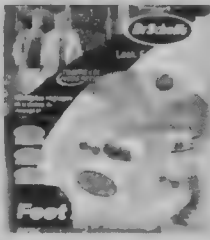
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Deadline extended for Connect Haliburton letters of support

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

County council agreed to commit \$311,000 to bringing broadband technology to the county, saying the county can't afford to be left behind the technological revolution.

"If we don't go ahead with this we might as well close the doors [to the county,] Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said at Wednesday's county council meeting.

The total Connect Haliburton project will cost \$6-million; Connect Haliburton is currently drafting a federal funding application to provide a large chunk of that amount.

There are various partners willing to commit funds to the project such as Fleming College, which has promised \$411,000, and a partnership between W3 Connect and Expertech (Bell Canada). They have committed \$1.3-million.

However, Haliburton Highlands Health Services recently pulled out of the partnership, saying it didn't have the money.

Rather than risk the project stalling because of lack of funds, county council agreed to pick up the HHHS's share, which was \$137,038.

Meanwhile, the deadline for community support letters has been extended. Groups or individuals wanting to help persuade the federal government to provide the funding have until December 15 to submit their letters to the county office.

Two county councillors say goodbye to politics

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

At their last meeting of county council, the two outgoing deputy-reeves wished their fellow politicians well in the coming term.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner, who lost his bid to outseat Reeve Keith Tallman, said coming to county council hasn't always been his favourite activity. In fact, he had hesitated whether to put his name in for deputy-reeve three years ago because he didn't want to get involved with this level of government.

"It's no reflection on the coming year but I don't care for all the county politics and meetings," he said with a smile at last Wednesday's county council meeting.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed was much more effusive in wishing county council a fond farewell.

"It's been an honour to serve the people of the county; I'll sure miss county council," said Shortreed who was defeated in the November elections.

He got involved with local politics in 1966 at the behest of Dorset politician Art Locke who took him to a meeting where Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke. Shortreed was impressed by Fearrey and what he was able to accomplish and decided to try to

achieve the same results in Sherborne et al.

On Wednesday Shortreed told the county councillors who were successful in their bids to get elected that "I'll be watching and please don't forget County Road 12."

Warden Ross Rigney told the two men

that "We wish you the very best. It takes every one of us to play a role and you certainly have played yours."

The inaugural meeting at which the new county council will choose the next warden is December 16. The first county council meeting of the new term is December 17.

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County balks at funding recreation

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of them told her it was a county issue and when she asked the county, the county said recreation was a municipal issue.

What happened on Wednesday has made her even more frustrated.

She left the meeting only after she had heard Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison propose a motion, seconded by Minden Hills Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon, to discuss whether the funding request was a county issue at the December 17 meeting. It had been a struggle to get even that far and she literally forced county council to make that level of commitment.

However, when the motion was presented at the end of the morning committee session, after everyone in the audience had left, the debate started again. With too many of its own questions about jurisdiction and accountability, county council deferred Harrison's motion, meaning it won't be on the December 17 agenda.

Harrison and McMahon, who have both served on Family Services' board, argued in favour of passing the motion.

"Family Services is a responsibility of the county, not municipalities, and it should be discussed here," McMahon said. "I don't care where it's paid from as long as the programs are not let go."

"It would be nice for someone to take responsibility for it," said Harrison, whose council thinks it's a county issue since the program benefits children across the county. She said it was county council's responsibility to make a decision and not keep deferring the debate.

Other councillors, however, wanted more clarification first.

The funding is to pay Sue Ferren's salary. Part of her job is to oversee the Art Adventure program after school throughout the county as well as the new summer day camp program. She also ensures that children have the means to get to the activity (perhaps with a

volunteer).

This year 317 children, or 12 per cent of children in the county, participated in events she oversaw.

Ferren was hired with a grant from Clarica but Clarica's funding ends next year and Family Services needs to find a new funding source.

The argument for having municipalities split the cost is that municipalities are already funding recreation through their arenas, community centres and summer rec programs.

The argument for having the county pick up the tab is that Ferren's job helps to fulfill a social service need; the programs are designed to provide equal access to recreation regardless of a child's family income. To this end, the Social Service Alliance which oversees programs in Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, agreed to fund a \$15,000 shortfall in Ferren's salary this year.

If the money was going to a social service, county councillors felt the issue could be treated as a straightforward funding request (which they would then forward to the Alliance since the county does not provide direct funding to Family Services.)

However, because Ferren's programs are for all children regardless of income – an important way to ensure children aren't ghettoized, Martin says – then the request doesn't entirely fall under the social services category.

In this regard, county councillors expressed two difficulties with the request: they were being asked to pay the salary of an employee in an outside agency, not any particular program or subsidy for children; and in the recent strategic plan process it was decided that recreation was not a county responsibility.

But Martin argued that since local governments already fund arenas they have accepted their role in providing recreational opportunities to children.

"The work of children is play," she said. "That's how they learn stuff. And recreation has now become commodified, a product that's bought. Research shows that it will help kids be more able to cope with adversity. The activity becomes part of their sense of self."

She says that \$50,000 is less than one per cent of all municipal budgets.

"I don't disagree with the programs," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "but I'd like to see a schedule of events so we can justify a full-time position. Maybe we'll have to partner with someone else."

Contacted after the meeting, Martin said she was disappointed with county council's decision.

"I want these governments to figure out how they feel about kids in recreation," she says.

She noted that while it's relatively easy to find funding for specific programs, the difficulty is in being able to hire the staff support for those programs. As well, her agency has to go through an extensive accountability process to ensure funding is well spent.



Santa's helper

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To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter in last week's *Echo* with regards to M. J. McConnell's concern about not having a Pharmacy open on Sunday's. I moved to Haliburton from Toronto four years ago and totally embrace the rural ways and community attitudes that exist in this wonderful town. I have worked at Village Court Pharmacy since moving to this area and greatly appreciate Rosemary and Amin Shivji's (owner of the pharmacy) attitudes about family and their insistence on providing one day a week where the staff can spend time with their spouses and children.

I understand that in the larger cities pharmacies are open on Sunday, however this is not required in our community. If a person who in need of an emergency prescription in this town on Sunday a few questions asked to any of the people who live here you could quickly determine the owners of this pharmacy. We have three pharmacists on staff who all live in the area and their phone numbers are all listed in the local telephone book.

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Please understand that I am in no way trying to minimize your distress over her friend's accident; however it is not necessary to have one of the pharmacies open on Sunday just in case this type of situation arises. In the city the pharmacies are open on Sunday, however if they were not, good luck determining who owns the pharmacy (if it is not a large corporation) and trying to get in contact with them (most likely their number would be unlisted). Although our system may be old-fashioned it does work. Your friend did receive his medication and we all wish him a full recovery. But please do not try and end our one-day of quality family time.

H. Cole
Haliburton

Chapmans grateful for support after son's death in car accident

To the Editor:

The family of the Late Shaun Chapman thank God above for the many friends whom have helped strengthen us during this difficult time, since the passing of our son/brother. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who sent cards expressing condolences, offered help, brought food and/or donations; and for the many visits and phone calls; they are very much appreciated!

We would also like to thank the Highland Storm Executive and all associated teams who have gone over and above to honour the memory of our Shaun. From the jersey raising to the memorial fund, and many moments of silence and prayer before games, we are so grateful!

We would especially like to thank Coach Glen Sharpley and the Midget "A" Team for their love, and continued support shown in every thing you have done in memory of your team mate "Chappy". We, as a family, look forward to watching you play out the balance of the season and

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We thank God for sending Shaun into our lives for the 17 plus years we spent together; it was a joy and a privilege to have you as a son/brother. We are truly going to miss you but will covet all the memories that we have shared together.

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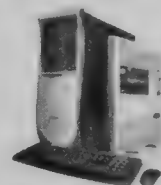
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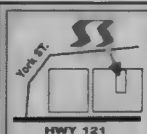
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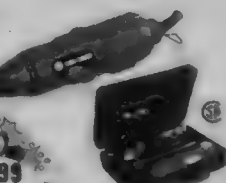
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Goodbye, Ron

LAST THURSDAY NIGHT, with the taped sounds of his beloved wolves playing in the background and his wife Sharon holding his hand, Ron Lawrence gently passed away at Haliburton's Extendicare. He was 82.

After suffering from Alzheimers for the past few years, his physical health had rapidly declined in recent weeks.

Sharon has decided to wait until next summer to hold a memorial service for the renowned author and naturalist because his friends and the people whose lives he so profoundly influenced live literally around the world; it would be difficult for them to gather at this time.

Ron Lawrence had a long history with *The Echo*. When he and Sharon moved to the Gooderham area 20 years ago he wrote a nature column for the newspaper, and later *County Life*, and also allowed us to print

excerpts from his many books. He was also frequently interviewed by the paper, especially when he led the charge to ban the county's wolf bounty in the 1980s.

The Lawrences were profiled as recently as September of this year when *Echo* Editor Martha Perkins went to their house (where she took this photo of him) as part of a feature about his book *The North Runner*, which had just been re-printed by Natural Heritage Press. Ron was good-natured and sociable, and although his words often didn't make sense, his spirit was still strong. There were echoes of the irascible and playfully devilish man he once was

In 1994, Perkins wrote a review of his autobiography, *The Green Trees Beyond* which outlines his amazingly well-lived life. We re-print it now as a reminder of the fascinating and complicated man the world has lost.

RON LAWRENCE was a man of great passions and equally great contempt. He would suffer a skunk more gladly than he would a fool. He'd even invite the skunk into his home if it was injured or distressed. The fool wouldn't get past the barrage of scathing comments.

In Mr. Lawrence's 30 books, he

made clear that given the choice between man and animal, he'd far rather spend time with the animals. Animals have no guile, they have no politics, they have no psychological need to impose their own order on the world. Humans cause wars - two of which Mr. Lawrence fought in - and they pollute and destroy the

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A life fully lived

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world that is their home.

And yet, through his books, Mr. Lawrence did more than many other writers to reach out to his fellow man, to teach them about the natural environment around us. He believed that if we knew more about the plant and animal species with which we share it, we would want to do more to protect them. If the intellect is one of the things that separates man from animal, then we should certainly take advantage of the gift and use it.

After a lifetime of studying nature, Mr. Lawrence was certainly qualified to be our teacher. And as a former journalist, he knew how to make his stories entertaining. He captivated as well as informed his readers through lively, descriptive, anecdotal tales of his observations.

But in his autobiography, we get the opportunity to learn about R.D. Lawrence the man. *The Green Trees Beyond* takes us through a life that began on a ship in the Mediterranean Sea and wound up on a forested piece of land in the Haliburton Highlands.



Jim Wueper, the man whose wolf pack became the start of Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre, took this well-known photo of Ron Lawrence and his wolf Tundra. Tundra was one of the wolves which made its home at the Lawrences' Gooderham area-property and was profiled in his book *Secret Go the Wolves*.

The memoir is fascinating because Ron Lawrence's life was fascinating. His was a life fully lived and he had the skills to tell the story well, starting with his colourful opening about leading the anti-Fascist troops through the sewers below Barcelona. Before the Spanish Civil War, which he joined when he was 14, he and a friend "used to go down with candles in jam jars and use catapults to kill sewer rats." Now he was using the sewers to help his fellow soldiers get behind the Fascist lines. By the end of the day, the friend who had shared this youthful pastime was dead, shot in the attack.

What a perfect opening for a book about a man whom most envisioned traipsing about the woods or diving beneath the sea. We are surprised and intrigued, eager to have our other preconceptions jolted out of a convenient resting place.

Who else fought in the Spanish Civil War, got a job in between wars on a

cruise ship delivering messages to Clark Gable (and getting a \$2 tip for his efforts), landed in Normandy on D-Day, studied sharks in the Red Sea while recuperating from wounds, and then almost had his leg blown off when he returned to the far more dangerous sea of war? Who else could bring all these experiences to Canada and then immediately head north to the forests of Fort Frances? Who else could then proceed to tell Canadians about all the natural wonders which they had taken for granted for all these years?

Because he kept detailed journals all his life, Mr. Lawrence could craft an engaging story about events that happened decades ago, with all the clarity of the present – what the weather was like, who said what, where a certain sound came from...

What's truly surprising, however, is that the man who valued the emotional barrier of privacy was willing to expose so much.

Ronald Douglas Lawrence Rodriguez was born on September 12, 1921, on a ship crossing the Mediterranean. His mother was Spanish, his father an English journalist and they lived in various parts of Spain. There were three

brothers and a sister, but they get passing notice. His family is always on the periphery, and Lawrence is like the outsider looking in.

Whether it was by circumstance or conscious choice, in his early years he always kept an emotional distance from people. Years later, there was no denying the deep bond with his second wife, Joan, who died of a brain tumour, and his third wife Sharon, who was a vital and essential part of his life.

(He married his first wife just after the war, but that was more for convention than for love. The marriage did not survive his immigration to Canada. The Atlantic Ocean would also put a great distance between him and his two children. He and Sharon "adopted" Michael Polak, a Czech immigrant who wrote to Lawrence when he was trying to decide what to do with his life. Mr. Lawrence wrote back and the two began a deep and abiding friendship. Polak, who now has his PhD and is a university professor in Ohio, is updating Lawrence's *Natural History of Canada* for republication. He arrived in Haliburton just two hours before Lawrence's death and was able to say his private goodbye to his mentor.)

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I would change neither my past nor my present'

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Lawrence remembers the day his friend was killed in the fight against the Fascists and his commander forbade any feelings of grief.

"Listen to me, boy!" (his commander said.) "You will see many dead, some that in life may have become your friends. But you must learn not to grieve. When a soldier grieves for a comrade, he makes himself vulnerable. His sorrow causes him to be careless. There's no room for grief in war. Be angry instead, but never allow anger to become rage. Your anger must be cold, like steel."

"On the way back to the barracks, his advice kept running through my mind over and over again, as though a looped tape continued to play the same message. Later that day I wrote down his words as nearly as I could remember them. I was to live by them, and I survived while others around me died. Indeed, Vicente Barceló's advice became an integral part of my psyche, so much so that this was to stifle my capacity for love, which had not been strong to begin with. As a result, the only deep emotion I felt was anger..."

Instead of finding love through human connections, Lawrence found fascination and fulfillment in his



This photo accompanied his first book, *Wildlife in Canada*. the back jacket quotes him as saying "Canada is a huge country and to know it one must live at least three months in each of its ten provinces." Lawrence and his wife Sharon moved to the Gooderham area in 1984, turning their forested property into a wildlife sanctuary. Many orphaned and injured animals found their way there, as well as hundreds of visitors every year.

The following is a list of books written by
R. D. Lawrence Books

- Wildlife in Canada* (1966)
- The Place in the Forest* (1967)
- Where the Water Lilies Grow* (1968)
- The Poison Makers* (1969)
- Cry Wild* (1970)
- Maple Syrup* (1971)
- Wildlife in North America: Mammals* (1974)
- Wildlife in North America: Birds* (1974)
- Paddy* (1977)
- Discover Ste. Marie* (1978)
- The North Runner* (1979)
- Secret Go the Wolves* (1980)
- The Study of Life: A Naturalist's View* (1980)
- The Zoo That Never Was* (1981)
- Voyage of the Stella* (1982)
- The Ghost Walker* (1983)
- Canada's National Parks* (1983)
- The Shark* (1985)
- In Praise of Wolves* (1986)
- Trans-Canada Country* (1986)
- The Natural History of Canada* (1988)
- For the Love of Mike* (1989)
- The White Puma* (1990)
- Trail of the Wolf* (1993)
- The Green Trees Beyond* (1994)

studies of nature. He was "bewitched by the sea" when he was four, forgetting that as a human, he had a few more constraints than the fish. But soon he learned how to overcome them, and the sea became his friend.

When he studied biology at Cambridge University, his professors' dry, analytical approach to nature angered him. But he turned his anger into a resolution to always remember, in the words of a former tutor, "that a writer's goal, indeed, his duty, is to communicate ideas and meanings clearly and in a manner understandable to all reasonably educated people."

As well, he saw animals as more than biology assignments to dissect and catalogue. "It occurred to me that all animate things are distinct and individually separate entities; although they may belong to the same species and have been genetically structured so that they behave according to a general norm, they express themselves in highly individualistic ways."

He then decided to devote his life to trying to understand those highly individualistic ways. Tired of Europe and its wars, he believed the best place to do this was Canada.

He began as a reporter for *The Toronto Star* - he always turned to journalism when he needed money - with the intention of buying 50 acres of land north of

Fort Frances. The story of his New Year's journey to the north is comical, with Lawrence literally freezing in his car. Along the way, he gets helpful advice from people more accustomed to Canada's winters. Once in the North, he is amazed by the people's friendliness and hospitality.

It was a warm welcome to a cold country and Lawrence found a contentment that had been missing since those summers in his youth. In subsequent years, he would live in two places in Southern Ontario, and then the Yukon, finally settling with his wife Sharon in the Highlands. In between, he travelled to 25 other countries as a writer and reporter.

There is no doubt that in the Highlands he was at peace. His home was his "emotional sanatorium." At the end of the book, after all those chapters of turmoil and restlessness, he wrote, "I am content, and if now and then the imp of travel whispers in my ear, I appease this demon by walking into the forest, aware, and rather surprised, that I have now lived here longer than I have lived in any other place. And, what is more, I like it. All in all, and even if it could be done, I would change neither my past nor my present."

For this, his readers and *The Echo* will always be grateful.

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The Family to Family Education Program is a free 12-week course beginning early in 2004. Delivered by trained volunteers, to families and caregivers, the course offers information about a

variety of mental illnesses, common treatments, medications, and rehabilitation processes. This new knowledge, coupled with skills building in the areas of problem solving and communications gives participants greater confidence that they can, indeed, cope with the difficulties they face.

A Self Help group for family and caregivers of someone with a mental illness, is also forming to begin in January 2004. At the first meeting on Thursday, January 8, interested individuals will meet to discuss the format of the group, frequency of meetings, leadership, and what issues the group would like to explore. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 64 Lindsay St. S., Lindsay, Ontario.

If you are interested in participating in either of these groups, please call us at 888-454-8875 or email to fcn@nexi-com.net. Everyone is welcome.

OPP begin another Festive RIDE program

To January 2, 2004, the OPP will team up with police services across the province for the annual Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign.

Last year, during the five-week OPP Festive R.I.D.E. initiative, officers stopped 567,552 vehicles at roadside checkpoints, 458 persons were charged with criminal code alcohol-related

offences and a total of 1,072 12-hour licence suspensions were issued. Officers also issued 449 of the 90-day Administrative Drivers Licence Suspensions. For every 370 vehicles checked at our RIDE locations, one driver was either charged with an impaired driving related change or was issued a 12-hour licence suspension.



Journée De Théâtre Français

You are cordially invited to Haliburton County's Second annual day of French theatre and music at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

Thursday, December 4th, 2003

1:00pm

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The Christmas party season is about to commence. The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include this Challenge in your plans. Large or small each gift is needed to fill the baskets this Christmas.

Each participant in the Challenge receives a ballot in our draw. The winner last year was the JD Hodgson Elementary School. In their name the Haliburton County Home Builders Association made a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

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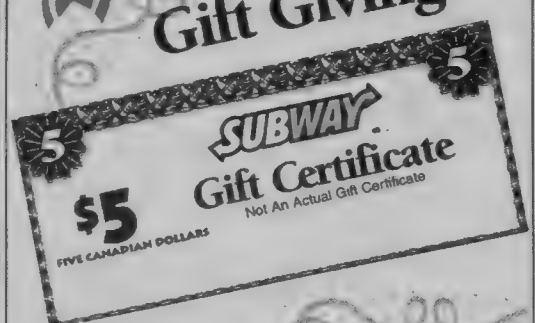
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Reynolds, Wayne Wood and Bill McDougall.

The 2003 Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day activities were a success even though the weather could have been better. We were honoured to have as our guest Comrade Erl Kish, Ontario Command Provincial President, and his companion Sheila. Those who attended the school Remembrance Day programs were very impressed.

Congratulations to Richard Watson who was voted by his peers as "Legionnaire of the Year."

In November donations were made to The Alzheimers' Society, Salvation Army, Haliburton Learning Program, The Arthritis Society, Cadet Corp 1129 and the Haliburton Santa Claus parade.

Tickets for New Year's Eve are available now. There will be live music by "Forgotten Memories" fabulous food, many prizes, party favours and of course the draw for the \$1,000 bonus on the 2003 Cash Calendar. The cost is only \$40 a couple, \$25 a single.

REMEMBER the next General Meeting and the last one until next March is Thursday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.



Dobbins wedding

Archie and M.J. Dobbins would like to announce the marriage of their son Shawn Dobbins to Lan Chi. The wedding was held in Saigon, Vietnam on November 5, 2003.

Remembrance Day winners announced

BRIAN HAMBLBY

Special to The Echo

This year the Haliburton Legion's Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest had 201 entries, which was up from 180 last year. All the students who participated should be proud that they took the time and made the effort to remember and honour those who made the supreme sacrifice to ensure our rights and freedoms as Canadians.

I wish to thank all the teachers and parents for their support and encouragement. Also, to recognize and commend this year's judges who were Bonnie Walling, Lou Trepanier, Jim Stewart, Laurie Tulk, Gerry Palmer and Ethel Galvin.

Listed are the winners of each contest. All first place winners will move on to compete within our Zone.

Poem Contest: Senior (Grades 10, 11, 12): Rachel

Outram, Amber Wright and Lisa Wright; Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9): Lindsey Snelgrove, Carolyn Barnes and Madison Espie; Junior (Grades 4, 5 and 6): Samantha Bixi, Johnna Hutchings, and Jessica Slade.

Essay Contest: Senior: Lisa Wright; Intermediate: No Entries; Junior: Madison Barton, Tiffany Van Lieshout, Sherri-lyn Barry and Honourable Mention, Joshua Wright.

Poster Contest: Black and white: Senior: Amber Wright; Intermediate: Steven Olsen, Lindsey Snelgrove and David Wright; Junior: Nicole Jennings, Catherine Judge and Alyssa Hobden; Primary: Casey Pringle, Mackenzie Robinson and Tammy Everitt.

Poster Contest: Colour: Senior: Amber Wright; Intermediate: Nickole Watson, Siobhan Creelman and Kristyn Hutt; Junior: Lauren Snelgrove, Cree Tyler and Cassandra Cox; Primary: Kate Denniston, Sandy Griffith and Daryl Woodley.

Thank You....

There have been so many people that have touched our lives since the early morning of July 17, 2003 when Wayne (Woody) Wood was taken by ambulance to Haliburton hospital and later transferred to I.C.U. in Etobicoke by air ambulance. If we miss you in this thank you (you know who you are) please accept our apology, your kindness was no less appreciated.

We thank you for the...

prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, condolences, concern, food, kind words and offers of help.

Special thanks to Melinda O'Mara, Drs. Workentin and Ferracuti, Nurses Minna Stephen and Dale Smith and hospital staff on July 17, 2003, Deeno Pearsell, Larry Hartin, staff at West Park Health Care Centre, Drs. Aggarwal and Rosenberg and staff at the I.C.U. Etobicoke, Father Tom Stokes, Dr. J. Vlasschaert and staff at the I.C.U. Peterborough, Father John Lacey, Father Joe Darzycki, Luke Schell, Kathy Dell, Rick Bain, Bob White, Marina, Miles and Reuben Maughan, Mary Pearsell, Mike Easton, Charles Taylor, John Miller, Cecilia Scott, Anna Nichol, St. Anthony of Padua Parishioners and C.W.L., Dwaine and Molly, Doug and Ann Wood, Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Jim Tice and Branch 129 Haliburton Legion, 1129 Haliburton Cadet Corps, Pallbearers, Wallace, Callum, Rick, Ken, Paul and Michael.

Above all, we thank God for blessing us with strength to accept the loss of our beloved husband and father.

Barbara, Kevin and Wade

Festival promises to bring out spirit of Christmas

Event gives readers, singers, and audience unique opportunity share joy of the season

BILL GLIDDON

Special to the Echo

The 4th annual Christmas Festival of Readings and Carols at St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton, will take place on Thursday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.

This event provides readers, singers and audience with a unique opportunity to enter into this special season in the true spirit of Christmas. There is no denying that the hectic preparations, the gift-buying, the countless parties and other activities – all of which make the holiday season so wonderfully delightful – can also leave us quite exhausted, and without the necessary time to thoughtfully reflect on “the enormity of the Incarnation”, and to enjoy the true beauty of the words and music of Christmas.

Last year's Christmas Festival format was based on the book – “Encounters at Bethlehem” by Jean Jones Andersen. It has a profound impact on the audience, with many requests for a repeat performance. So, with most of the same readers choir selections and audience carols, last year's program will be repeated

with some editing and minor changes. If you missed it last year, you now have another (and last) opportunity to be inspired by these dramatic readings that probe the innermost thoughts, hopes and fears of the real people who were there when Jesus was born.

St. George's Cantata Choir under the direction of organist Bill Gliddon will provide the musical background to readers Michael Browne, Janet Bottum, Dan Chumbley, Eleanor Cooper, Andrew Wherry, Curtis Eastmure and Shane Dibblee. The three narrators are Glenda Burk, Louise Cooper and the Rev.

Christopher Greaves.

There are only 180 reserved seating tickets for this single evening of seasonal inspiration, at an affordable \$5. The money raised will be given to the 4 C's Food Bank.

Advance tickets may be obtained at Master's Bookstore, Perfect Prints, the church office (457-2074) or (a limited number) at the door. At the conclusion of this special evening, the audience will be treated to refreshments provided by the choir.



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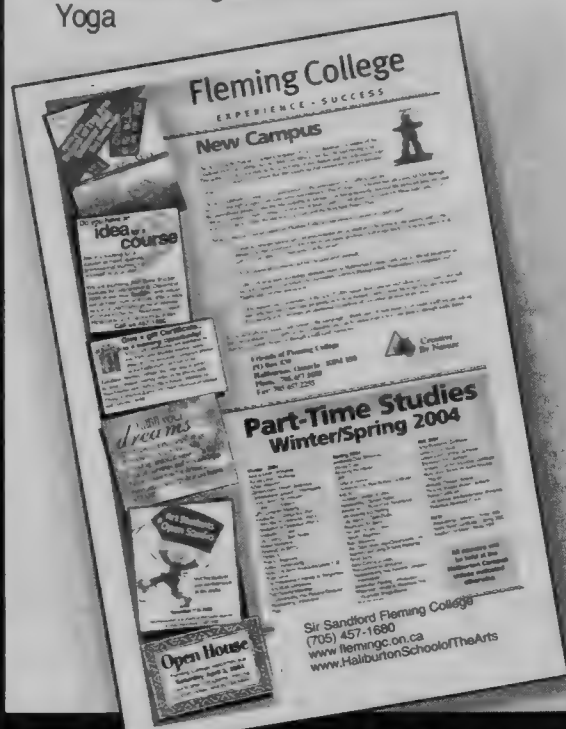
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Time's running out to win \$400 shopping spree! Enter Christmas at Night contest

CATHY OLLIFFE

Special to The Echo

Egads! Only three entries in this year's boffo Christmas lights contest?

The judges are going to be beside themselves with glee. "What, only three places to go see? It'll be a lark! A romp! A cakewalk! Golly gee, George, it hasn't been this easy since Ben Franklin stuck a key on a kite and flew it in a thunderstorm!"

Well at least the judges will be happy but WON'T YOU JUST BE KICKING YOURSELF for not giving yourself a chance to win a \$400 shopping spree at Haliburton Home Hardware?

That's the first prize in this year's contest. Second prize is a \$200 shopping spree at Haliburton Home Hardware. And third prize is a subscription to The

Haliburton County Echo and The Minden Times. Zowiee!

Wouldn't that buy a little happiness to stick under the ol Tannenbaum!

Entering is so incredibly simple.

Just decorate the outside of your house with lights and gizmos and gadgets – you know, the usual stuff! Then write your name, address (make sure you give REALLY, REALLY GOOD DIRECTIONS and maybe even a map) and phone number on a piece of paper and send it by mail email, fax or in person to the Haliburton County Echo. The deadline for all entries is this Friday, December 5, at 5 p.m. So if you're going to enter, you'd better get a move on!

Your email can be sent to info@haliburtonecho.on.ca. Your piece of paper can be faxed to 457-3275 or mailed to Christmas At Night Contest, c/o Haliburton County Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0. No phone-in

entries, please. You must live in Haliburton County to be eligible.

Judging will be done during the evening the following week. If the weather is decent, it will start Monday at 6:30 p.m. If there are a lot of entries and the weather is messy, the judging could be spread out over three nights or more. So if your house is entered, keep your lights on from dusk to about 10:30 p.m. every night for at least Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If the judging goes longer than three nights, we'll call you!

As soon as winners have been selected, they will be notified by telephone and prizes will be awarded as soon as a photo can be arranged at Haliburton Home Hardware.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Roads Department

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Mr. William Sprowl
Lot 9 Concession 8, Stanhope
Halls Lake

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared part of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 9 Concession 8, Halls Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 9 Concession 8, Stanhope Township described as follows:

FIRSTLY: All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 9 Concession 8 more particularly described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-7524.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, North Shore Road, on the 18th day of December, 2003 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: November 24, 2003

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Decoration fever hits Wilberforce

Isn't it pleasing to see the decorative Christmas lights appearing in village yards cheering up the dark autumn nights. What a lot of time and energy goes into these projects. It does seem, though, that a little restraint in the number of items

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and variety of colours might result in gentler, classier, less obtrusive showings. Some of the flashing neon-like scenes that have begun to appear seem more appropriate to a roadhouse than a reminder of the real reason for the season. (Now this grinch really must get the lights up on that outside tree!)

So, the hydro was off - again! At least this time there was a storm to cause the problems. Outages in this area ranged from six hours to a full day or more. Many adjustments had to be made. Many problems result from losing the energy we need to heat and light our homes and businesses. One event that was disappointing to have spoiled was a bonspiel barely underway at the Curling Club on Saturday, November 29. It came to an abrupt halt with most teams not having completed one game. Convenors Lois Cann, Melanie Lewis

and their helpers saved some of the fun of the day when the hot meal planned for noon was completed on a hurriedly arranged propane burner. Thanks Joe, Elois et al. Everyone enjoyed a good meal together, some visiting and promises to return to one of the bonspiels planned for January. Others had more serious problems with no power. Stores were using hand calculators and flashlights. Neighbours were taking hot tea and soup to those in need. After just six hours houses with no alternative heating were getting very cold. We do hope that this is not a sign of the times. Surely this province and its people can afford enough staff for Ontario Hydro to keep power lines clear of trees and branches. Let's get on with it. We don't want to freeze in the dark.

There are many activities and events coming up to get us in the spirit of Christmas. There's the Open House at the Outpost this Thursday and next Dec. 4 and 11 from 1 to 4 and 7 to 9. There's the Pathfinders' Craft Sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre this Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 to 3. Lots of good shopping ideas there.

On Sun., Dec. 7 the annual Christmas Concert at the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. This is always a joyful evening with singing of carols, and refreshments as well as the concert itself.

The following Sunday evening, December 14 at 7 p.m. you are welcome to take part in the annual Community Carol Service taking place at the Wilberforce United Church and being hosted by its members. The Community Choir and the Gentlemen of Song will be there. There will be refreshments too.

The Historic Essonville Church has its Old Fashioned Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 21. All welcome at this delightful service worshipping with song in a wonderful old church.

Sue Ellison and Dorothy Rivers will once again prepare a Christmas Dinner of turkey and all the trimmings on Christmas Day, December 25. It's at the Cross Roads Care in Wilberforce from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for only \$6.00 to cover costs. A great idea for those mostly on their own that day.

St. Margaret's Anglican Church members were pleased to welcome the Gentlemen of Song to their church on Sunday, November 30. As well as leading in the hymns the choir sang several selections including "A Little Talk with Jesus", "Open My Eyes", "Garment of Praise" and a fine "Amen" to close the service. It was especially good to have this choir and several of the spouses take the trouble in such poor weather to attend. Most enjoyed refreshments and a time of fellowship following the service. Come back soon.

West Guilford sale a talented success

Success rewarded the efforts of those who were able to get out of cleared driveways on Saturday morning and get into the Centre for the annual lunch, craft and bake sale.

Under the management of Myra Marshall vendors displayed wares of knitting and sewn goods, carved items, books, candles, jams and preserves, Baskets of lights in ornaments, gloves, hats, and that scrumptious baking. Vendors were Fred Sanders of Markham, Audrey Foutain, Bonnie Bolton, Cathy Hunt, Carol Adams, Lynn Morrison, Adrienn Gastock, Leslie Tush, Marg Armstrong, Myra Marshall, Larry Blanchard, Kay Orr, Wren Higgins, Linda Bradshaw and Jennifer Callahana as well as the Maple Lake United Church's contingent of Merrie Barry, Kathleen Owens, and Marnie MacMillan. Bill Marshall manned the lunch counter to the satisfaction of the hungry customers.

Lynn Morrison was able to supply the information that her mother, Peggy (Sawyer) Pouw joined her husband, Ev, at Norm Wells, N.W.T. in May of this year. Ev had been working there for some time as mechanic on planes for Northwright Air. Peggy and Ev plan to come home for Christmas.

The visual arts class, of which Maggie Milne is a student, travelled to the Art Gallery of Ontario last Wednesday as part of the 14-week course with Sir Sandford Fleming College.

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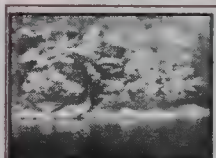
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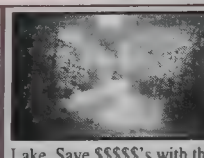
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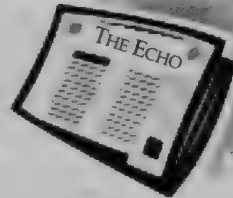
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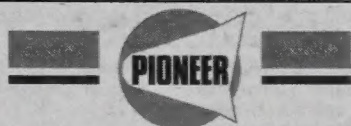
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At the age of 70.

Beloved husband of the late Erma Lillian Little (Nee Dugan). Dear father of Bill and his wife Sue, Judy Little and Barrie Sisson, Janet and her husband Bill Donnelly, all of Lochlin. Loving grandfather of Cara and her fiancé Ryan Ellis, Sheamus, Elizabeth, Christopher, Heather, Adrian and Kaila. Dear brother of Joan (the late George Drummond), Marlene and Don Currie, Gwen and Bert Smith, Alex and Zetta Mac Little, predeceased by Darlene Cox, Patricia Little, Melville Little. Fondly remembered by brother-in-laws Basil Cox and Carl Dugan, by his many nieces and nephews, and by his extended family: Julian, Lynn, Kyle, Rebecca, Brenda, Reg, Shawna and Gail. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the chapel on Thursday, November 27, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Interment Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial donations to Extendicare Proud Pioneers or to the Lochlin United Church would be appreciated by the family.

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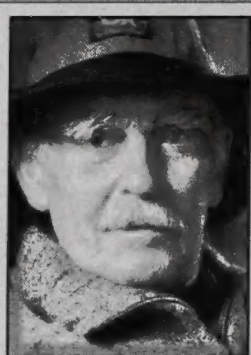
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**In Loving Memory
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R. D. Lawrence died peacefully at Extensicare-Haliburton on Thursday evening, November 27, 2003 in his 83rd year.

Beloved husband of Sharon Frise and the late Joan Gray. Father of Alison (Brett Roberts), Simon and Michael Polak. Fondly remembered by his grandson Bradley and godson Cais. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews and his great niece Katie. Predeceased by his brothers Ted, Fred, John and sisters Isabel and Anita.

Celebration of Life
A Celebration of R. D. Lawrence's life will take place in the summer of 2004 at the Wolf Centre at Haliburton Forest. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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MacDUFF, GLEN - At Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday afternoon, November 24, 2003 in his 71st year. Beloved husband of Edwina Tapp. Loving father of Kenny (Beth), Darlene (Terry Keast), Colleen (Don Lewis), Dawson, Winnie (Dennis Jess), Glen Jr. (Allison). Fondly remembered by his thirteen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Dear brother of Dawson, Blakey and Shirley. Predeceased by his parents Fred and Nellie MacDuff and his brother Ross and his sister Mary. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, November 26, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Thursday morning, November 27, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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McCULLOUGH, HAROLD - In loving memory of Harold McCullough (Resident of Extensicare - Haliburton). At Extensicare-Haliburton on Monday evening, November 24, 2003 in his 88th year. Lovingly remembered by Georgina Sasvari and Frank Derosa of North York. Friends were invited to call at ELGIN MILLS CEMETERY Richmond Hill, Ontario on Thursday afternoon, November 27, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. for a Graveside Service. The family will receive friends at 9 Angus Drive, North York on Sunday afternoon, November 30, 2003 at 4 o'clock for a time of refreshments and fellowship. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Toronto Humane Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. 457-9209.

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- **Dec. 3: Ontario Early Years Centre** (formerly CHACE), Haliburton - The children will write letters to Santa and mail them in our special To Santa box.
- **Dec. 3: Christmas in Carnarvon at 7:00 p.m. at Zion United Church.** All ladies from the area are invited to join in what has become a tradition of gathering together, in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Come and bring a friend.
- **Dec. 4: L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Fellowship Together)** - Thurs., Dec. 4, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Special speaker: Joan Peacock, Peterborough. At the West Guilford Community Centre. For more info. call: Lyn 457-3155 or Alice: 754-2808. Please bring 1/2 dozen Christmas baking and unwrapped toy for 4Cs. Sponsored by womens' Ministries, West Guilford Baptist Church.
- **Dec. 4: Kinmount Celebrates "Lights Across Canada"**. Join us for our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Thurs., Dec. 4th, 7:00 p.m. Austin Heritage Park, Rail Station. Visit with Santa - Hot Chocolate and Cookies - Carol Singing.
- **Dec. 5: Join Home Support for their second Christmas Luncheon** in the Minden United Church. Please call Roxanne or Sheri at 457-2941 to reserve your tickets.
- **Dec. 6: Craft Sale - Wilberforce United Church** will be having a Craft Sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Sat., Dec. 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Dec. 6: Santa's Workshop Craft Sale and Flea Market.** Presented by the First Wilberforce Pathfinders. Sat., Dec. 6, 9-3 p.m. Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Snack Bar available. For more info. please contact Kathy Rogers at 448-2419 or 448-3652. Vendors are welcome.
- **Dec. 6:** Marks the 14th anniversary of the killing of 14 young women at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. We will hold a vigil of remembrance and action, on behalf of those women and all who suffer violence still, and in determination for a peaceful community, at the downtown traffic lights in Haliburton, on Sat., Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. for more info. call Claire Sylvan at 457-1497.
- **Dec. 6: Highland Wood Long Term Care Unit** at Haliburton Hospital is having a Christmas Bazaar and bake Sale on Sat., Dec. 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Dec. 7: (Advent II - Peace) "White Gift Sunday"** at Minden United Church. Food and monetary contributions will be accepted at our morning worship services to support the local Christmas Baskets and the Food Bank. Maple Lake United Church: Communion Sunday; Hymn Sing at 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 7: Minden Rotary Turkey Mega Bingo.** Games begin at 7 p.m. at Minden Community Centre.
- **Dec. 7: The Dorset Recreation Centre** is looking for local representatives interested in participating in a "Home Party Sale Show" to be held on Sunday, December 7. For information, please call (705) 766-9968 or E-mail drc@vianet.on.ca
- **Dec. 9: Minden United Church - Blue Christmas Service** at 7 p.m. Come for a meditative service to offer to God through music & prayer your pain & desire for healing.
- **Dec. 10: Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Carol Sing"** - Wednesday at 7:30, Church Rd. off County Rd. #1, Lochlin. Refreshments, hot cider and Christmas goodies following. Donations to the Food Banks gratefully accepted.
- **Dec. 11: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129, Haliburton** - General Meeting, Thurs., December 11th at 7:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 11: The Canadian Federation of University Women's Club Christmas Cheer Meeting** on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. is at the home of Helen Baker on Robertson Rd. in Haliburton. Each member is asked to bring a small sampling of something sweet or savory to share with the group. Questions? Call Helen 457-3322.
- **Dec. 14: Ecumenical Community Carol Service** at Wilberforce United Church on Sun., Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Special musical presentation by the Community Choir and the Gentlemen of Song. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome.
- **Dec. 14: (Advent III - Joy) White Gift Sunday** and Lessons and Carols Service at 9 a.m. presented by the Zion United Church Choir; Cantata Service at 11 a.m. by the Minden United Church Choir.
- **Dec. 14: Kinmount Santa Claus Parade** - Sunday, Dec. 14th, 2:00 p.m. Main Street, Kinmount. Floats to assemble by 1:00 p.m. at Tim-Br Mart Lumber. For further information call 488-2635.

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ACREAGE PARCELS

\$18,900 - HARBURN ROAD

36 acres mixed bush, close to Haliburton. Ideal location for yr md home/retreat. West exp.

\$37,000 - GOODERHAM

42+ acres, nicely treed, fronts on yr md rd, South exp.

\$129,000 - OTTER LAKE

91 acres, nice shoreline, very private, 4 Wheel drive access, good hunting property. Call Linda & Troy.

HALIBURTON LAKE

Original family home on gorgeous point lot. 453' frntg. sand beach, sand & rock shoreline, 4 BR's, kit., DR, LR, family rm, 2-3pc baths, bsmt, sun rm, verandah, 3 bay garage, workshop + 50 acre parcel. Call Linda & Troy.

\$554,500



Julie Gray*

GRASS LAKE

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
Luxury 5 bdrm., 3 bath home, features FP, mst. ensuite, screened sun-room, huge kit. & DR, full bsmt. Dble garage. Potential for Home business or Bed & Breakfast. Walking dist. to town & ski trails. Call Julie Gray

\$280,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Spacious, well maintained 3 BR winterized Viceroy cottage w/ airtight stove, w/o to deck, lge boathouse w/ marine railway on a level lot w/ beautiful sand beach frontage & great view of one of Haliburton's finest lakes. Call Julie Gray

\$299,000



Rosalind Bagg*

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY

2 Well located level bldg lots in busy commercial area of village of Haliburton. One has a drilled well & both serviced. By sewer. Must be sold as a package. **Listed at \$99,000 each** Call Ros Bagg

PRIME BUILDING LOT

County Road 6 Prime Building lot. View of Cranberry lake, docking possibilities across road. Lovely forest setting, neighbours but private. 10 mins to Sir Sam's Ski Hill - Residence or Recreation. **\$30,000** Call Ros Bagg



Bill Kulas*

BOSKUNG LAKE RD

Bright, open concept 3 BR bungalow in an area of fine homes. Level landscaped lot. Many upgrades; such as new windows, doors, flooring. Newly renovated kitchen & bathroom. Truly move-in condition. Lrg deck & det. gar/workshop. Plus more Call Bill Kulas today!

\$117,500



HALLS LAKE

This newly listed 3 BR waterfront cottage/home features 3 BR, 2 baths, brick FP, 2 car detached garage & much more! Level lot with sandy frontage & an awesome view. Vendor re-locating. Call Bill Kulas

Now \$269,000



Ken Barry**

WEST GUILFORD

This charming well kept 3 bdrm. home is close to golfing, shopping, ski hill & public beach. Detached garage and a barn for storage. Call Ken Barry

\$98,500



HARBURN ROAD

2 bdrm. country home on a private, level 2 acre lot, with a little TLC and a few finishing touches it might be just the affordable home you're looking for. Call Ken Barry

\$115,000



Cathy Lancia**

Custom, contemporary 4 BR, 4 bath waterfront home w/ guest quarters. 3.34 acres. Private, 3100 sq.ft. 190' frontage! This Executive Retreat features a spacious Great Room with a floor to ceiling brick, Tempcast 2000 FP. Features include an Oak Kitchen, DR solarium, pine cathedral ceilings and so much more. Call Cathy

\$549,700



Fabulous round log home, currently under construction, on Pristine Little Redstone Lake. Over 3000 sq.ft. and almost 500 ft. of clean rock & sand lakefront. Features include a Great Room with a stone FP, kitchen & DR in open concept space, laundry room, 3 BR's, 3 baths. Including a Jacuzzi in mstr suite. Call Cathy Lancia

\$929,700



Linda Beachli***

GREAT FAMILY HOME

Cheerful 4 bdrm bungalow with sunporch, 2 fireplaces, 3 washrooms, full bsmt with rec rm & bar, 20x27 heated workshop and 16x22 garage. Many improvements inside and out. Sold with vacant 100 ft. frontage lot next door included in price. Close to Gooderham. For pictures go to www.lindabeachli.com. **\$119,900** Call Linda Beachli



Rick Lowes*

KUSHOG LAKE

4 Season home on a private lot with over 220 feet of shoreline, very tastefully decorated home, detached garage plus lots more. Call Rick Lowes

\$189,900



MAPLE LAKE

Custom built log home with all the extras. Level landscaped lot, southern exposure, large dock system, great swimming and boating. Call Rick Lowes

\$264,900



Peter Brady**

BEAUTIFUL VIEW!

Brand new chalet home being built on quiet Tedious Lake. 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, full basement, fireplace. Gorgeous view of lake with South West exposure. Located on year round road. For more pictures visit www.lindabeachli.com **\$319,000** Call Peter today



Ted Vasey*

WATERFRONT LOTS - BEAR LAKE

16 LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM

The lots range in size from 1 acre to 160 acres. Large water frontages, sand & rocky shorelines, serviced by a private road and hydro is being installed to all lots. **Priced from \$136,000 to \$177,500** Call Ted Vasey



Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*

DEEP BAY ROAD

Nice 2 bedroom home close to town. Located minutes from Minden. Well built super starter or retirement, walkout basement to nice backyard. **\$118,000** Call Miranda & Geoff



Vince Duchene**

3 YEAR OLD HOME

1,908 sq.ft. in Haliburton by the lake subdivision. Beautifully finished home, 3 baths, rec room & bright open kitchen/living room. Call Vince Duchene

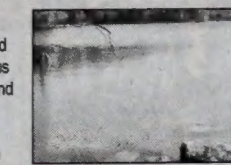
\$259,900



OUTSTANDING W/F LOT ON PERCY LAKE

Level in nature, cleared ready to build, gorgeous view and on a year round road! It's not too good to be true! Call Vince Duchene

\$119,900



Fred Chapple*

2 BEDROOM CHALET

Maintenance free with an "open" concept on Gull River. Boat to town or to Gull Lake. Large deck & nice dock. 2 car detached garage with loft. Unwind and relax. Call Fred Chapple

\$139,900



Well maintained 2 BR winterized cottage with brick FP. Entrance & beach are on deeded R.O.W. new shingles, chimney & large deck. An absolutely gorgeous beach on Halls Lake. Call Fred Chapple

\$119,000



Erwin Roithmeier*

A GREAT GET AWAY

45 acres of privacy together with 5300 ft of river front. Make this property the perfect spot to get away from it all. There is also a small cabin waiting for you. Call Erwin Roithmeier

\$139,900



OPEN HOUSE

SUN. DEC. 7TH
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Main Street, Minden
Fantastic family home features; 4 BR's, 2 baths, FP w/ insert, hardwood flrs, ceramic tiles, fam rm, rec rm, hot tub rm, pool & loads more. Call Erwin Roithmeier for more details.

\$169,000



Tom** & Gail* Tempest*

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Hamilton Road, South Lake

Immaculate, recently renovated cottage on level, west-facing waterfront lot with clean sand shoreline & big lake view. Pine ceilings, hardwood flrs & drywall throughout, new windows & doors, full bsmt. Could easily be a yr md home. Call Tom & Gail for more details.

\$239,000



Melanie Vigrass*

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. St. Germaine Street, Minden

Come and view this charming 2 bdrm home conveniently located to downtown with town services and recent upgrades. **\$84,500** Call Melanie for more details



Lenor Fulton & Tracy Ackersblade*

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. South Water Street, Minden

Everyone is welcome to view this great in-town home which features an open concept kitchen & living room with a beautiful pine staircase & 4 bedrooms with a bath off the master bdrm. **\$155,000**

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